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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

RAFAEL HERRMANN

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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) due dated October 28, 2003 in regard to the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully requests reordering of the claims in view of Claims 24, 25 and 26 being dependent on claim 31. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the following reordering of the claims prior to grant:

Current Claim Number	Reordered Claim Number
18	1
31	2
23	3
24	4
25	5
26	6
27	7
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Accordingly, claims 2 and 8 will be dependent on claim 1, claims 4, 5, and 6 will be dependent on claims 1 and 2, and claim 7 will be dependent on claim 5.

Applicant respectfully requests reordering of the claims as set forth above and confirmation of entry of the instant communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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